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Report from Panama—Confirmation of plague death at La Boca—Panama quarantined—Rat destruction to be attempted.

Consul-General Lee reports, June 26, as follows:

I have the honor to confirm the following telegram, sent to the Department on June 25: "Bubonic, stevedore, La Boca, fatal."

A negro stevedore employed at the La Boca wharf, 3 miles from Panama city, at the Pacific entrance to the canal, was taken to Ancon hospital on Wednesday last. On Friday he died. The autopsy showed that his death was due to bubonic plague.

Undoubtedly he received infection through handling cargo or through the agency of rats on board a steamer from Peru or ports on the west coast of South America.

Panama is quarantined against La Boca, and all possible precautions are taken by the sanitary authorities. An effort will be made to destroy all the rats in Panama.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended June 30, 1905. Present officially estimated population not obtainable; 3 deaths reported; prevailing disease, malarial fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage.
June 24	Ellis	New Orleans	33	1	2	2
27	Herald	Colon	9	9	0	(a) 0
28	Bound Brook	Mobile	34	0	0	0
30	Fort Gainesdo	20	1	0	3

a Not inspected.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Plague in Manila and Cebu—Treatment at Mariveles Quarantine Station of army transport Sherman on account of case of smallpox on board—Inspection of vessels—Circular in regard to vaccination of crews.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports June 2, 9, and 15, as follows:

During the week ended May 27, 1905, there were no quarantinable diseases reported in the city of Manila.

During the week vessels cleared from Manila for ports in the United States or its dependencies as follows:

On May 24, 1905, the British steamer *Atholl*, with 46 crew, en route from Yokohama to New York, was granted a supplemental bill of health. Forecastles and storerooms fumigated with sulphur; crew inspected on board at hour of sailing; 5,665 pieces of cargo certified.

On May 26, 1905, the British steamer *Poona*, en route from Yokohama to Cebu, with 119 crew and 3 passengers, was granted a supplemental bill of health.